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TO: Procurement Directors

FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61

Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Update to the DOE Implementation Guide for the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

SUMMARY: As previously stated, the subject Guide is intended to be a "living document" that will be periodically updated, as necessary. This current update includes additional information in multiple parts of the Guide, and as such, the Guide is being reissued, in its entirety, as Version 2.1. In particular, Version 2.1 includes new information on reporting, amended conflicts of interest guidance relating to merit review, and Buy American requirements. Sections that are amended by Version 2.1 are identified in the updated Errata Sheet (Appendix A) and in the body of the Guide by a bar in the right margin of the page.

In addition, the Financial Assistance Reporting Requirements Checklist has been added as Attachment 3b. Attachments 10 through 14 were merged into Attachment 12—List of Related Issuances and new Attachments 10 and 11 are being issued. Version 2.1 of the Guide and the attachments will be available on the website at http://management.energy.gov/policy_guidance/1672.htm.

This flash will be made available online at the following website: http://www.management.energy.gov/policy_guidance/policy_flashes.htm.

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